

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are on file and are included by reference as part of this meeting. An agenda of this meeting has been either mailed or made available to persons, organizations and local news media as per their request. The agenda gives the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the order of business. This disclosure is in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e).}

The regular meeting of City Council was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Municipal Building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Garner, Councilmembers Tommy L. Anthony, Yates Giles, Ricky Todd Harris, Pamela Sloss and Jim Wilson.

CITY ATTORNEY: Larry Flynn

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor; Walker Gallman – Finance Director ; Joe Nichols – Utilities Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director and Mike Petrie – Maintenance Shop Director.

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Stevens – WBCU Radio

OTHERS: Kenny O’Shields, Betty M. Farr, Brenda B. Porter, Jean V. Harris, Terry R. Fant, Steve Ayers and Ray Jones.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Councilmember Giles gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

2. MINUTES

A. December 16, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting

MOTION by Councilmember Giles to approve minutes.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Monthly Reports

MOTION by Councilmember Harris to accept monthly reports.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. 1. FY 2014 AUDIT PRESENTATION - TERRY FANT

Terry Fant, CPA gave presentation on the FY2014 Audit for the City of Union.

4. **BUSINESS**

A. AWARD BID – DEMOLITION OF ELLEN SAGAR NURSING HOME BOOSTER PUMP STATION

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 2:00 pm for the demolition of the Ellen Sagar Booster Pump Station. Six bids were received as follows: Construction Resource Group (Union) - \$20,625; DH Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc. - \$15,000; Moats Construction Co. - \$18,475; Pump Systems Technology, Inc. - \$19,385; Smith Backhoe & Construction (Union) - \$10,665 and Welsford Investments, LLC - \$38,000. A bid summary and letter of recommendation from our consultant was presented to council. The recommendation is to award bid to low bidder and local contractor, Smith Backhoe & Construction, in the amount of \$10,665.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Sloss.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. AWARD BID – 47” HYDRAULIC ROTATING DIGGER DERRICK LINE TRUCK

Utility Director Joe Nichols states that bids were received on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 12:00 noon for a 47-foot hydraulic rotating digger derrick with a boom tip winch mounted on a 2016 4 x 2 Freighliner M2-106 cab and chassis. Two (2) bids were received: Altec Industries - \$194,807 and Terex Utilities - \$216,797. The City of Union purchased a 2009 Altec 47-foot hydraulic rotating digger derrick and has had operation and maintenance issues since this unit was purchased. This unit has had two (2) bent outriggers which one was covered under warranty at a cost of \$15,500 and another charge in November of 2014 at a cost of \$600 which repaired some welding to a stress crack.. The recommendation is to accept bid from Terex Utilities for one new Terex Commander 4047 in the amount of \$216,797. This is a higher bid than the Altec truck but an overall better truck for the City of Union’s use as explained by Mr. Nichols. It is within the approved 2014-2015 budget of \$225,000.

MOTION by Councilmember Anthony to accept recommendation.

SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.

FOR: Thompson, Anthony, Garner, Harris, Wilson, Sloss.

OPPOSE: Giles.

CARRIED 6 to 1.

C. COMMUNITY CHANGE – HEATING & COOLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Finance Director Walker Gallman states that since 1993, the Community Change Program has been in effect at the City of Union. What was once a way of generating funds for food and shelter to the needy is now a Heating

and Cooling Assistance Program. This program began as a heating assistance program only. In August of 2011 council voted to expand the program to heating and cooling. Heating assistance (Electric and Gas) runs from January 1 thru April 30 and cooling assistance runs July 1 thru October 31. Each City of Union Customer who qualifies can receive \$100 per season. (No customer is to receive more than \$200 per year). In fiscal year 2014, the "Community Change Program" generated \$20,986.59, assisted 183 customers in the amount of \$18,224.06. In keeping with the guidelines already in place, the program will continue on the availability of funds. The Salvation Army and Carolina Community Actions have indicated with a letter of response to the City of Union that they are willing to continue the affiliation with the program by qualifying applicants for the assistance as appropriated. Letters from the two agencies agreeing to qualify applicants was presented to Council. Customers are required to participate in the Community Change program to qualify to receive assistance. Staff recommends renewing the release of Community Change funds to qualifying City Utility Customers.

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to accept recommendation.
SECOND by Mayor Pro Tem Garner.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR & COUNCIL**

None

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTER**

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss legal and contractual matters.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Garner to go out of executive session back into regular session.
SECOND by Councilmember Wilson.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action taken.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Wilson to adjourn.
SECOND by Councilmember Giles.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Minutes approved _____ 2015